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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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Listing of Claims:

- 1-6 . (Canceled)
7. (Currently Amended) A disposable absorbent article for wearing about a lower torso of a wearer and having a longitudinal axis, two laterally opposed article side edges extending between a laterally extending first waist end edge in a first waist region and a laterally extending second waist end edge in a second waist region, and a crotch region interposed therebetween, the disposable absorbent article comprising:
- a backsheet;
 - a topsheet joined to the backsheet and having a body-facing surface;
 - an absorbent core disposed intermediate the backsheet and the topsheet;
 - at least one wetness sensation member integrated with the topsheet such that a portion of the topsheet covering a portion of the absorbent core forms a permeable body-facing layer of the wetness sensation member, the wetness sensation member also including a flow control layer disposed between the permeable body-facing layer and the absorbent core in a face-to-face arrangement with the permeable body-facing layer and having two laterally opposed flow control layer side edges, at least a portion of each of the two flow control layer side edges being disposed laterally inwardly of the article side edges; and
 - a visible highlighting indicating a presence of the wetness sensation member in the disposable absorbent article and being visible at least when viewing the body-facing surface of the topsheet to facilitate an opportunity for urinary toilet training of the wearer wherein said visible highlighting is visible prior to wetting of the wetness sensation member, and wherein the appearance of the visible highlighting is substantially unchanged upon wetting of the wetness sensation member.

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wherein urine deposited by the wearer onto the wetness sensation member can penetrate through the permeable body-facing layer in a z direction away from the wearer to the flow control layer and the flow control layer retards the passage of the urine through the wetness sensation member in the z direction and supports the movement of the urine in an x-y plane such that the wearer's awareness of urination is enhanced.

8. (Original) The disposable absorbent article of Claim 7 comprising a plurality of the wetness sensation members disposed parallel to and spaced apart from the longitudinal axis and spaced apart from one another, each of the wetness sensation members being integrated with the topsheet such that a respective portion of the topsheet covering a respective portion of the absorbent core forms the permeable body-facing layer of each of the respective wetness sensation members.
9. (Original) The disposable absorbent article of Claim 8 wherein the plurality of wetness sensation members are separated from one another by a spacing ranging from about 5 mm to about 15 mm.
10. (Original) The disposable absorbent article of Claim 8 wherein the topsheet comprises two Z-folds parallel to the longitudinal axis and the flow control layer of each of the respective wetness sensation members is disposed within a respective one of the two Z-folds.
11. (Original) The disposable absorbent article of Claim 10 wherein the two Z-folds are separated by a spacing ranging from about 50 mm to about 90 mm.
12. (Original) The disposable absorbent article of Claim 10 wherein the two Z-folds further comprise two elastic members disposed along the two flow control layers.
- 13 -30. (Canceled)